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In re Application of: Mark Alistair POLETTI

Appl. No.: 09/197,096

Filed: November 20, 1998

For: **AN IMPROVED GUITAR PREAMPLIFIER  
SYSTEM WITH CONTROLLABLE  
DISTORTION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 24, 2004, for the above-referenced application, an Amendment and Response to Office Action, two 37 C.F.R. 1.132 Declarations and other accompanying documents were filed on November 22, 2004, along with a Petition for a three month extension of time and appropriate fee. Enclosed is a copy of the returned post card having a USPTO stamp indicating receipt of the identified documents on November 24, 2004.

We were contacted via telephone by Examiner Lao on March 1, 2005, who indicated that this application is in an "abandonment docket" in the USPTO's system. This designation is in error as Applicant timely responded to the last Office Action. In accordance with the instructions of Examiner Lao, we enclose a copy of the Amendment and Response to Office Action, the 1.132 Declarations and all accompanying documents that were filed on November 22, 2004, in this application. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that this filing be appropriately entered into the USPTO system so that examination may proceed.

Applicant submits that NO FEES are required by this paper. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (617) 248-4792.

Respectfully submitted,  
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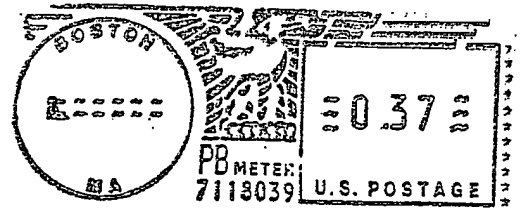
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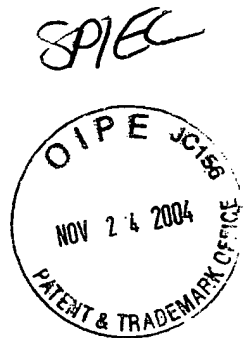
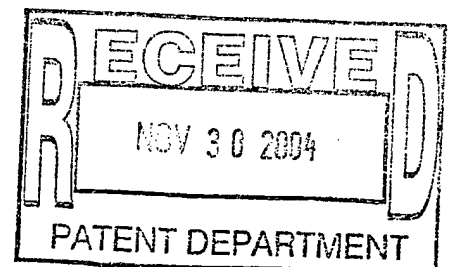
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- 1) Amendment Transmittal Letter (in duplicate);
- 2) Amendment and Response to Office Action (21 pgs.);
- 3) Declaration of Colin Fox (5 pgs.);
- 4) Declaration of Bill (Charles William Bremner) Wood (3 pgs.);
- 5) Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. 1.136;
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AN IMPROVED GUITAR PREAMPLIFIER SYSTEM WITH CONTROLLABLE DISTORTION

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application, including:

- (X) Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. §1.312 (21 pgs.);  
(X) Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. §1.136;  
(X) Declaration of Colin Fox (5 pgs.);  
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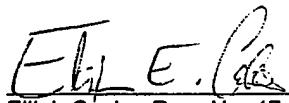
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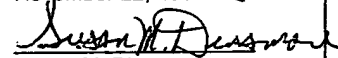
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